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SUBJ: CCD: FOURTH ROUND OF AD HOC SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP- FIRST
PLENARY MEETING

1. SUMMARY: THE FIRST PLENARY MEETING OF THE FOURTH ROUND OF
THE AD HOC SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP WAS HELD ON AUGUST 1. WITH
THE ADDITION OF PERU TO THIS GROUP, THE FIRST SOUTH AMERICAN
COUNTRY TO JOIN, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING
CAME TO 26. THE FIRST DRAFTS OF CHAPTER 6 (ON DATA CENTERS)

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AND THE APPENDIX (ON ESTIMATION OF YIELDS) WERE APPROVED BY
THE GROUP. INITIAL REVIEWS WERE PRESENTED OF CHAPTER 4 (ON
SELECTION OF SEISMOGRAPHIC STATIONS) AND CHAPTER 8 (ON NET-
WORK CAPABILITY ESTIMATES). THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
AUGUST 2.

2. TWENTY-SIX COUNTRIES WERE PRESENT FOR THE FIRST PLENARY

MEETING OF THE FOURTH ROUND OF THE AD HOC SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP. PERU BECAME THE FIRST SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY TO JOIN THE GROUP. MOST OF THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH COUNTRY REMAINED THE SAME AS PAST ROUNDS, WITH DRS. PASSETCHNIK, KEDROV, AND BOTCHAROV REPRESENTING THE USSR. BOTCHAROV JOINED THE USSR DELEGATION DURING THE WORKING GROUP SESSIONS ON JULY 28 AFTER HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE CTB TRILATERALS. DR. RODINOV OF THE USSR CTB DELEGATION ATTENDED ON JULY 29 ONLY.

3. A DRAFT OF CHAPTER 6 (DATA CENTERS) WAS PRESENTED BY FILSON (US), SUBSTITUTING FOR THIRLAWAY (UK). THE CHANGES AGREED TO BY THE WORKING GROUP LAST WEEK WERE PRESENTED (SEE SEPTEL GENEVA 6456). CAPUTO (ITALY) ASKED IF THERE WAS A BASIC PHILOSOPHY TO THE WORKING GROUP'S CHANGES, ERICSSON (CHAIRMAN OF GROUP) STATED THERE ESSENTIALLY WAS NONE, AND ONLY BASIC IDEA RUNNING THROUGH CHAPTER WAS POSSIBLE USE OF WMO (WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION) AS COMMUNICATION NETWORK. ERICSSON ALSO MENTIONED THAT NATIONAL CENTERS ARE NOW DESCRIBED AS CENTERS OFFICIALLY AUTHORIZED BY STATE PARTIES, AND ARE DESIGNATED "STATE CENTERS". THIS WAS ESSENTIALLY SEMANTIC ADJUSTMENT SUGGESTED BY USSR. AFTER A FEW MORE MINOR QUESTIONS, APPROVED AS A FIRST DRAFT BY THE GROUP.

4. A DRAFT OF THE APPENDIX (PROBLEMS WITH THE ESTIMATION OF YIELDS OF CONTAINED UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS) WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESENTED BY DAHLMAN (SWEDEN). MOST OF THE MAJOR CHANGES WERE AGREED TO BY WORKING GROUP LAST WEEK (SEE SEPTEL GENEVA 6330). A REFERENCE IN THE DRAFT TO THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF CARRYING OUT FULLY CONTAINED EXPLOSIONS IN SHALLOW DEPOSITS OF DRY ALLUVIUM WITH YIELDS OF SEVERAL TENS OF KILOTONS WAS DELETED DURING PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS. IN THIS DRAFT, NO SPECIFIC MAGNITUDE-YIELD RELATIONSHIPS ARE GIVEN, AND ALL TABLES AND GRAPHS ARE DELETED. ON THE WHOLE, THIS DRAFT IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE US EXPERTS. A FEW MINOR QUESTIONS WERE ASKED, AND THE DRAFT WAS APPROVED AS A FIRST DRAFT BY THE GROUP.

5. THE BASIC OUTLINE OF CHAPTERS 4 (SELECTION OF SEISMOGRAPH STATIONS FOR A GLOBAL NETWORK) AND 8 (ESTIMATED GLOBAL CAPABILITY TO OBTAIN IDENTIFICATION PARAMETERS FOR SEISMIC EVENTS) WERE PRESENTED BY THE CHAPTER CONVENORS, BASHAM (CANADA) AND FILSON (US) RESPECTIVELY. QUESTIONS ON THESE DRAFTS WILL BE RAISED AT THE NEXT SESSION, THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 2. VANDEN HEUVEL

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